

REMARKS

On consideration of the claims of this pending application, Applicant submits the above Preliminary Amendment. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 60-73 are pending in the application, with claims 60 and 69 being the independent claims. Claims 1-59 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time or additional claims, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 461124-00109; Docket No. 187540/US/DJB/VEJ).

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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